



Title: **AM-13-1 to S 5.3: Draft 2024 Manifesto -
CHAPTER II: The Courage to Stand Up Against the
Far Right – For a Europe of Democracy, Feminism
and Human Rights**

Tabled by: Green Party of England and Wales

Draft text

From line 13 to 14:

Racism never went away. Today, Islamophobia, anti-~~S~~semitism and anti-Gypsyism are all on the rise. Discrimination and exclusion remain far too common for people

Explanation / Comment

Anti-Semitism' was coined in the nineteenth century by anti-Jewish propagandist, Wilhelm Marr. He manipulated the word 'Semitic', which refers to a group of languages (including Hebrew and Arabic) that emanate from the Middle East, to lend a scientific sheen to his racial hostility towards Jews. The hyphen risks confusing discrimination against Jews with bigotry towards those who speak a Semitic language and is used by antisemites to deny anti-Jew hatred by claiming that antisemitism refers to anyone perceived as semetic (ie not just Jews).

The amendment brings the policy language, with reference to anti-Jewish hate, in line with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, the European Commission, and others.

<https://holocaustremembrance.com/resources/spelling-antisemitism>